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### *Medical Officer of Health*—

H. Currer Williams, M.A., M.B.,  
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M.R.C.S. (Eng.).

### *Chief Sanitary Inspector and Building Surveyor*—

A. E. Bennett, C.R.S.I., A.M. Inst.  
B.E.

### *Additional Sanitary Inspectors and Assistant Building Surveyors*—

G. C. Edgington, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.  
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## ALTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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BARTON END,  
ALTON, HANTS.

July, 1950.

*To the Chairman and Members of the Alton Rural District Council.*

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1949 on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Rural District of Alton.

There was an extensive outbreak of measles in the early part of the year, but the scarlet fever cases were very mild in character and widely scattered throughout the district.

There were no cases of diphtheria during the year. This is no doubt largely due to the foresight of parents in having their children immunised.

My thanks are due to Mr. A. E. Bennett for his co-operation in compiling this report and for his very valuable services during the year.

(Signed) H. CURRER WILLIAMS,  
*Medical Officer of Health,*  
*Alton Rural District Council.*

## STATISTICS OF THE AREA

**As at 31st December, 1949**

Area, in acres .. . . . .	65,526
Estimated population (civilian) .. . . .	19,970
Total estimated population (including military)	24,940
Number of inhabited houses .. . . . .	5,556
Rateable value .. . . . .	£151,528
Product of a penny rate .. . . . .	£620

The district is situated in the extreme east of Hampshire and comprises 21 civil parishes.

On the east, it marches with the County boundary between Hampshire and Surrey and then, circling in round Bramshott, just touches the Sussex border in the south-east.

The River Wey rises from a considerable number of sources within the district and the River Rother begins its course below the hills in the extreme south.

Agriculture and the rural undertakings with which it is normally associated continue as the principal industries of the district.

The Parish of Whitehill includes the important military establishments of Bordon and Longmoor whilst the Parishes of Headley and Grayshott have become popular residential areas.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Births.

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Live Births (Legitimate) .. . . .	202	204	406
(Illegitimate) .. . . .	17	20	37
Totals .. . . . .	219	224	443

Live birth rate per thousand total population .. . .	17.7
Live birth rate per thousand civil population .. . .	22.2
Average for England and Wales, per thousand total population .. . . . .	16.7

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Still Births (Legitimate) .. . . .	6	5	11
(Illegitimate) .. . . .	2	1	3
Totals .. . . . .	8	6	14

Still birth rate per thousand total population .. . .	0.56
Still birth rate per thousand civil population .. . .	0.70
Average for England and Wales, per thousand total population .. . . . .	0.39

## **Deaths.**

From all causes—	215	(of which 108 died outside the district)	
Death rate per thousand total population	..	..	8.6
Death rate per thousand civil population	..	..	10.8
Average for England and Wales, per thousand total population	..	..	11.7

## **Maternal Mortality.**

From Puerperal sepsis	..	..	..	..	Nil
From other Puerperal causes	..	..	..	..	Nil
Maternal mortality rate per thousand (live and still) births	..	..	..	..	Nil
Average for England and Wales	..	..	..	..	0.98

## **Infantile Mortality.**

Deaths under one year of age	..	..	..	..	11
Infantile mortality rate per thousand live births	..	..	..	..	24.8
Average for England and Wales	..	..	..	..	32.0

## **Deaths from—**

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Cancer (all ages)	..	17	11
Measles (all ages)	..	—	2
Whooping Cough (all ages)	..	—	—
Diarrhoea (under two years)	..	—	1

Deaths over 70 years of age numbered 130; of these 66 were over 80 years and 12 were over 90 years of age.

**ANALYSIS OF CAUSES OF DEATH**

	Diseases	Male	Female	Total
1	Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers ..	—	—	—
2	Cerebro spinal fever ..	—	—	—
3	Scarlet fever ..	—	—	—
4	Whooping Cough ..	—	—	—
5	Diphtheria ..	—	—	—
6	Tuberculosis of respiratory system ..	1	2	3
7	Other forms of tuberculosis ..	—	2	2
8	Syphilitic diseases ..	—	—	—
9	Influenza ..	3	3	6
10	Measles ..	—	2	2
11	Acute poliomyelitis and polioencephalitis ..	—	—	—
12	Acute infantile encephalitis ..	—	—	—
13	Cancer of buccal cavity, oesophagus, and uterus ..	1	1	2
14	Cancer of stomach and duodenum ..	2	1	3
15	Cancer of breast ..	—	2	2
16	Cancer of all other sites ..	14	7	21
17	Diabetes ..	1	3	4
18	Intracranial vascular lesions ..	9	11	20
19	Heart diseases ..	34	32	66
20	Other disorders of the circulatory system ..	2	5	7
21	Bronchitis ..	9	6	15
22	Pneumonia ..	2	6	8
23	Other respiratory diseases ..	1	1	2
24	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum ..	1	1	2
25	Diarrhoea under two years ..	—	1	1
26	Appendicitis ..	—	1	1
27	Other digestive diseases ..	1	1	2
28	Nephritis ..	4	1	5
29	Puerperal sepsis ..	—	—	—
30	Other maternal causes ..	—	—	—
31	Premature birth ..	1	1	2
32	Congenital malformations, Birth Injuries and infantile disease ..	4	2	6
33	Suicide ..	1	—	1
34	Road traffic accidents ..	6	—	6
35	Other violent causes ..	2	—	2
36	All other causes ..	10	14	24
	Totals .. .. ..	109	106	215

## PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following is an analysis of cases of notifiable diseases which occurred during the year :—

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to hospital	Deaths
Diphtheria .. ..	—	—	—
Enteric Fever .. ..	—	—	—
Measles .. ..	403	6	2
Para-typhoid .. ..	2	1	—
Pneumonia .. ..	14	10	2
Polioencephalitis .. ..	1	1	—
Puerperal pyrexia .. ..	2	2	—
Scarlet fever .. ..	35	19	—
Whooping cough .. ..	33	6	—

Note : Only certain forms of pneumonia are notifiable.

Three cases of Poliomyelitis were notified but none were confirmed after admission to hospital.

Analysis of notified cases according to age groups :—

Age group	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough
Under 1 .. ..	3	—	1
1—2 .. ..	27	—	1
2—3 .. ..	58	1	4
3—4 .. ..	41	2	4
4—5 .. ..	28	—	4
5—10 .. ..	201	15	18
10—15 .. ..	30	8	1
15—20 .. ..	3	5	—
20 and over .. ..	12	4	—
Totals .. ..	403	35	33

### Tuberculosis.

No action was necessary during the year under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (relating to persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade), or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (relating to the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis).

The following table indicates the incidence of the disease and deaths during the year.

AGE PERIOD	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5 .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15 .. ..	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
15—25 .. ..	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
25—35 .. ..	5	3	—	1	—	2	—	1
35—45 .. ..	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—55 .. ..	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1
55—65 .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals .. ..	10	5	3	2	1	2	—	2

### Diphtheria Immunisation.

During the year, 613 immunisations against diphtheria were carried out as follows :—

Number of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation during the year		Total number of children who were given a secondary or reinforcing injection (subsequent to complete full course) during the year.	
Age at date of final injection.	Total		
Under 5	5—14		
154	19	173	440

The Ministry of Health recommend that all children be immunised against diphtheria before their first birthday, preferably at the age of seven or eight months. Also that they should be given a reinforcing injection just after entering school.

Lists of children who have attained the age of 12 months and who have not been immunised are regularly forwarded to the County Medical Officer of Health who arranges for a Health Visitor to call. This arrangement has proved very successful.

### Prevention of Blindness.

During the year, 2 cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum were notified and removed to hospital.

### **Scabies.**

There were fewer cases of scabies during the year, only 4 families and 5 other individuals being treated at the Alton Isolation Hospital. All other verminous cases were treated at the General Hospital, Alton.

### **Paratyphoid Fever.**

There were two cases of paratyphoid fever during the year, one being notified on 30th April and the other on 11th October, there being no connection between the two.

The first case was a girl of 18 years of age and enquiries gave no indication of the source of infection. Infection was very mild and the patient was isolated at home.

The second case was a girl of 16 years of age who went into Winchester Hospital on 15th September and discharged on the 30th September, the diagnosis being made at the Hospital. All contacts were examined and found to be negative. The patient had evidently been a carrier for a long time but had not been ill. She was isolated and kept under observation for some time until three consecutive negative swabs were obtained.

## PROVISION OF GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

### Ambulance Facilities.

Ambulances for infectious diseases and other cases (non-infectious, accident and maternity) are stationed at Alton.

### Child Welfare.

Centres for children under the age of 5 years are available as follows :—

CENTRE	ADDRESS	AVAILABILITY (per month)
Alton	Assembly Rooms	1st and 3rd Tuesdays
Bentley	Memorial Hall	3rd Thursday
Binsted	Institute	4th Wednesday
Grayshott	Village Hall	Every Friday
Headley	Hilland	2nd and 4th Fridays
Kingsley	Ockham House	3rd Friday
Selborne	Village Hall	2nd Wednesday
Whitehill	Men's Club	2nd and 4th Thursdays

All centres are held in the afternoons at 2 p.m. except at Grayshott which is held at 2.45 p.m.

### Day Nursery.

A day nursery is available at the Manor House, Alton, providing accommodation for approximately 20 children between the ages of 2 and 5 years. The nursery is well used and there is a waiting list for accommodation.

### Hospitals.

There are no hospitals in the district but the following are available :—

The General Hospital, Alton.

The Inwood Cottage Hospital, Alton.

The Isolation Hospital, Alton.

The Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester.

## **Home Help Service.**

A scheme of domestic help is available in cases of emergency, the district coming under the Basingstoke District Organiser, at the Home Help Office, Market Chambers, Church Street, Basingstoke.

## **Laboratory Facilities.**

Bacteriological examinations of clinical matter (sputum, swabs, etc.) and of water, milk and foodstuffs are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester.

Chemical analyses of water, sewage, milk and other samples are carried out by arrangement with the Public Analyst, Portsmouth.

## **Midwifery and Home Nursing.**

These services are administered as follows :—

DISTRICT SERVED	NURSE	SERVICE GIVEN
Alton Chawton Farringdon	Miss D. R. HULL, S.C.M., GAS/AIR, 4 Edward Road, Alton.	Midwifery only
	Mrs. M. COOMBES, S.R.N., Hillcrest, Windmill Hill, Alton.	General nursing only
Medstead Bentworth Shalden Lasham Four Marks Wield	Mrs. G. M. KIMBER, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N., GAS/AIR. 3 Green Stile, Medstead	Midwifery and general
Grayshott	Miss M. A. CUFF, S.C.M., GAS/AIR, Nurses Cottage, School Road, Grayshott	ditto
Blackmoor Whitehill Kingsley Selborne part	Mrs. D. U. C. DEDDES, S.C.M., GAS/AIR, Nurses Cottage, Blackmoor	ditto
Ropley West Tisted East Tisted	Miss J. A. JOHNSON, S.C.M., GAS/AIR, Kingsley, Church Lane, Ropley	ditto
Selborne part Hartley Mauditt West and East Worldhams Newton Valence	Mrs. R. MORGAN, S.C.M., GAS/AIR, Nurses Cottage, Selborne	ditto

DISTRICT SERVED	NURSE	SERVICE GIVEN
Headley Hollywater Standford	MISS J. E. BRAMIDGE, S.C.M., GAS/AIR, 57 Church Fields, Headley	Midwifery and general
Bentley Froyle Binsted	MRS. M. P. SEDGWICK, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N., 10 Babs Field, Bentley	ditto

Qualifications : S.R.N.—State Registered Nurse  
 S.C.M.—State Certified Midwife  
 Q.N.—Queens Nurse  
 GAS/AIR—Gas and air analgesia certificate

### School Health Services.

Clinics are held as follows :

Verminous cleansing	General Hospital, Alton.
Scabies	Isolation Hospital, Alton.
Orthopaedic	Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital, Alton.
Ear, nose and throat	Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester.
Dental	At Schools
Ophthalmic and orthoptic	Trafalgar House, Winchester.
Child guidance	Health Centre, Winchester.
Speech therapy	Health Centre, Winchester.

### Tuberculosis.

Clinics are held at Aldershot, Basingstoke and Winchester, whilst sanatoria are available at Bishopstoke, Chandlers Ford, Liphook and Alton (Morland Hall and Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital).

### Venereal Diseases.

Clinics are held at Aldershot, Basingstoke and Winchester.

# REPORT OF THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR AND BUILDING SURVEYOR

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## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### Water.

Piped main supplies in the various parishes of the district are as follows :

#### *Wey Valley Water Co.*

Bentley	Binsted	Chawton
East Tisted	Farringdon	Four Marks
Froyle	Grayshott	Headley
Kingsley	Ropley	Selborne
Whitehill		

#### *Mid-Wessex Water Co.*

Bentworth	Lasham	Medstead
Shalden	Wield	

#### *Private estate supply.*

West Tisted

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Extensions of the main supplies were completed during the year in the Parishes of Four Marks and Ropley whilst work on the extension of mains to supply the parishes of East Tisted, Newton Valence and Medstead were commenced.

The mains supplies in the area have been satisfactory, both in quality and quantity throughout the year. Samples are regularly taken for analysis by the Water Undertakers themselves.

Other domestic supplies in the district are from wells, springs and underground rain water storage tanks.

Ten samples from the above domestic sources were taken during the year and following unsatisfactory analysis results, six properties were connected to main supplies.

Particulars as to the number of properties and population served in each parish are as follows :—

Parish	Area, acres	No. of houses	No. of houses supplied			Population supplied		
			Direct	By stand pipe	Total	Direct	By stand pipe	Total
Bentley ..	2483	222	195	6	201	702	22	724
Bentworth ..	3763	184	100	54	154	360	195	555
Binsted ..	7799	496	236	20	256	850	72	922
Chawton ..	2194	134	79	—	79	284	—	284
East Tisted ..	2621	60	—	—	—	—	—	—
Farringdon ..	2105	149	89	30	119	320	108	428
Four Marks ..	1502	420	63	—	63	227	—	227
Froyle .. . . .	4641	188	165	—	165	594	—	594
Grayshott ..	901	413	388	10	398	1397	36	1433
Headley ..	4771	808	652	15	667	2347	54	2401
Kingsley ..	1540	116	66	—	66	238	—	238
Lasham ..	1797	44	38	6	44	137	22	159
Medstead ..	2809	401	123	34	157	443	122	565
Newton Valence	2069	80	13	—	13	47	—	47
Ropley ..	3704	398	100	—	100	360	—	360
Selborne ..	4830	359	267	5	272	961	18	979
Shalden ..	2160	105	61	29	90	220	104	324
West Tisted ..	2356	55	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whitehill ..	5509	743	385	12	397	1386	43	1429
Wield ..	2104	65	40	13	53	144	47	191
Worldham ..	3868	116	5	—	5	18	—	18
Totals ..	65526	5556	3065	234	3299	11035	843	11878

### Sewerage.

Part of the Parish of Bentley is seweraged, the effluent being treated by broad land irrigation.

A scheme of main drainage for the greater part of the Parish of Whitehill is proceeding under contract. The discharge is to be into existing treatment works at Lindford in the Parish, constructed by the War Department but shortly to be transferred to the District Council.

The temporary housing site of 50 prefabricated bungalows at Lindford is served by a sewer laid to discharge into the above-mentioned works.

Schemes for the seweraging of the Parishes of Headley and Grayshott have been approved whilst schemes have been prepared for seweraging areas of the following parishes :—Bentworth, Binsted (Rowledge, Bucks Horn Oak and Village), Chawton, East Tisted, Farringdon, Lasham, Medstead, Newton Valence, Ropley, Selborne (Village), Shalden, Whitehill (Greatham), and Wield ; also for further extensions in Bentley.

The larger Council Housing Estates, where sewers are not available, are being provided with estate treatment works, that for Binsted Estate having been in operation for some time whilst works are being constructed to serve the estates at Froyle and Medstead.

### **Drainage.**

There has been an increased tendency to instal domestic drainage systems, ie., cesspools and septic tanks, to serve individual houses and it is regretted that Building Licensing restrictions have checked this desirable form of improvement.

## **PUBLIC CLEANSING**

### **Refuse Collection.**

In September, a general scheme for full refuse collection throughout the district was put into operation, absorbing the existing scheme for the collection of salvage only.

Weekly collections of refuse and salvage are made in the Parishes of Grayshott and Whitehill, the remainder of the district being served with a fortnightly collection.

Disposal is by means of controlled tipping.

### **Salvage.**

Collection of waste paper has been maintained and the quantity sold during the year amounted to 52 tons 10cwts. 0 qtrs. 14 lbs.

### **Cesspool Emptying.**

Cesspools and septic tanks were emptied throughout the district upon application as follows :

Private properties	..	..	..	587 loads
Council and requisitioned properties	..			235 loads
Total	..	..	..	822 loads

### **Nightsoil Collection.**

Nightsoil collections are made twice weekly in defined areas of the Parishes of Grayshott and Whitehill.

A scheme to extend this service, to be operated as soon as an appropriate vehicle could be acquired, was approved to serve the Parishes of Chawton, Farringdon, Selborne, Binsted, Headley and a further area of Whitehill (Lindford).

### **Street Cleaning.**

Weekly litter collections are undertaken in the main shopping areas of Whitehill and Grayshott.

Note : All Public Cleansing work is carried out by the Council's own vehicles and staff.

## HOUSING

The Rural Housing Survey was completed during the year. This inspection was confined to houses of not exceeding £20 rateable value and the classification of the 4057 houses inspected is as follows :

Category	Condition	No. of houses	Percentage of total inspected
1	Satisfactory in all respects .. ..	727	17.9
2	Minor defects .. ..	1371	33.8
3	Requiring repair, structural alterations or improvements .. ..	887	21.9
4	Appropriate for reconditioning (Agricultural cottages) .. ..	564	13.9
5	Unfit for habitation and beyond repair at reasonable expense .. ..	508	12.5
Totals .. .. ..		4057	100%

The Housing Act, 1949, which received the Royal Assent on the 30th July, 1949, makes provision, inter alia, for Local Authorities to make grants to private owners for the improvement of private dwellings, provided that the dwellings after improvement comply with specified conditions and standard.

No applications under the Act were made by private owners during the year.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

All home killed meat delivered to the shops in the district came from Government controlled slaughterhouses situated outside the district.

Regular inspections of food shops and stores were carried out during the year and the following foodstuffs were surrendered for condemnation :—

Imported meat ..	..	1495	lbs.
Home killed meat ..	..	611 $\frac{3}{4}$	lbs.
Chickens ..	..	3	
Geese ..	..	1	
Rabbits ..	..	2	
Sausages ..	..	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	lbs.
Fish ..	..	124	lbs.
Brawn ..	..	16	lbs.
Flour ..	..	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	lbs.
Cheese ..	..	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	lbs.
Sugar ..	..	99	lbs.
Fruit ..	..	60	lbs.
Potatoes ..	..	9	cwts.
Shell eggs ..	..	90	
Cakes ..	..	21	
Sweets ..	..	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	lbs.
Fats ..	..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	lbs.
Meat ..	..	48	tins
Milk ..	..	141	tins
Soup ..	..	16	tins
Vegetables ..	..	53	tins
Fish ..	..	47	tins
Fruit ..	..	16	tins
Preserves ..	..	37	tins
Cereals ..	..	8	pkts.
Sundry foods ..	..	68	jars, etc.

### Milk and Dairies.

Under the Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies) Act, 1944, which came into operation on the 1st October, 1949, regulations were made by the Ministries of Health, Agriculture and Fisheries and Food whereby the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries became responsible for the registration of dairy farms and dairy farmers and for the execution and enforcement of the regulations on same, whilst local authorities retained responsibility for the provisions applicable outside of dairy farms, for the provisions relating to diseases communicable to man and for the registration of dairies other than dairy farms and of dairymen other than dairy farmers.

Regulations were also made regarding designated milk. The County Council is the responsible authority as regards producers but have delegated to the District Council their powers as regards pasteurising and sterilising establishments of which however there are at present none in the district. Local authorities under these regulations are responsible for the provisions covering premises other than those at which milk is produced.

### **Ice Cream.**

There is one wholesale manufacturer in the district and 36 samples were taken for analysis during the year with the following results :

#### Methylene Blue Test.

<i>Provisional grade</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>II</i>	<i>III</i>	<i>IV</i>
No. of samples ..	28	5	1	2

The provisional grades are based on the time taken to reduce the colour of a standard methylene blue solution. The results of examination of many samples suggest that the methylene blue reduction test is a good indicator of general bacterial contamination and a fairly good indicator of excretal contamination. The use of this test and the definition of the grades should be regarded as provisional only, subject to a trial.

It is suggested that it would be unwise to pay too much attention to the result of any one sample, but that throughout the year samples should be expected to fall into provisional grades as follows : Grade I, 50%; Grades I or II, 80%; Grade III, not more than 20%; Grade IV, nil.

The samples taken during the year show the following percentages :

%	<i>Provisional grade</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>I or II</i>	<i>III</i>	<i>IV</i>
%	Percentage of total..	78	92	3	6

It will be seen that samples within Grades I—III are well above the standard suggested. With regard to the 2 samples Graded IV, both taken on the same day, i.e. 10th May 1949, these were considered to be due to a temporary breakdown which was immediately rectified and subsequent samples taken during the week following were all found to be in Grade I.

### **Food Poisoning.**

There were no cases of food poisoning during the year.

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47

(Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention).

During the year, the Council have found it necessary to take action under the above Section in the undermentioned two cases.

Case	Name	Reason for action	Period of Court Order	Ultimate result of Council's action	Remarks
1	Mrs. B. Willoughby aged 80	Aged; infirm; living alone in insanitary conditions; in need of proper care and attention	Three months as from 22.8.49	Admitted to hospital	Has since died 20.10.49
2	Mrs. E. M. Goldsmith aged 84	ditto	Three months as from 16.8.49. Order has been renewed at three monthly periods	ditto	Still detained in hospital

## MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

During the year, 9 licences were issued for moveable dwellings making a total number of 49 licences in force at the end of the year.

Visits and inspections were made of all dwellings and sites to ensure maintenance in a sanitary condition.

## HOP PICKERS ACCOMMODATION

Special attention was given during the year to this type of accommodation.

New hutments and ancillary accommodation were provided for 47 families and substantial repairs were carried out generally to the remainder of the accommodation.

Further improvements were promised for the forthcoming season.

The Council introduced a system of refuse collection from the encampments in cases where growers provided properly constructed ash pits. This scheme is being revised for the future and it is hoped that all growers will avail themselves of the facility.

There are in all 16 hop growers in 5 different parishes, providing 22 separate huddled encampments with in addition 7 tented encampments for travellers. These were all inspected both before and during occupation, involving a total of 164 camp visits.

### BUILDING BYE LAWS

The total number of plans deposited with the Council during the year was 253 as follows :

1.	New dwellings .. .. .. .. ..	24
2.	Alterations and additions to existing dwellings .. ..	51
3.	Conversions and adaptations to form dwellings .. ..	6
4.	Domestic garages .. .. .. .. ..	34
5.	Domestic drainage .. .. .. .. ..	68
6.	Farm and other buildings .. .. .. .. ..	60
7.	Sheds and stores .. .. .. .. ..	10
Total .. .. .. .. ..		253

The total number of inspections carried out under Building Bye Laws throughout the year was 872.

### BUILDING LICENSING

Building licences were issued during the year as follows :—

No. of licences	Nature of Works	Cost of Works
8	New dwellings .. .. .. .. ..	£12,799
14	Conversions and adaptations to form additional dwellings .. ..	£ 6,228
77	Alterations, improvements and maintenance repairs to dwellings .. ..	£19,884
7	For specialist work to dwellings .. ..	£ 1,776
106		£40,687

Inspection of work under Building Licensing involved 78 visits in addition to any visits necessary under the Council's Building Bye Laws.

## FACTORIES ACT, 1937

The following particulars are those prescribed on the administration of the above Act.

### Inspections for purposes as to health :—

Premises	Number on register	Number of inspections	Number of written notices
1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. .. .. ..	27	10	Nil
2. Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .. .. ..	42	22	Nil
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ..	12	12	Nil

### Cases in which defects were found :—

Want of cleanliness : 6 defects found and remedied.

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